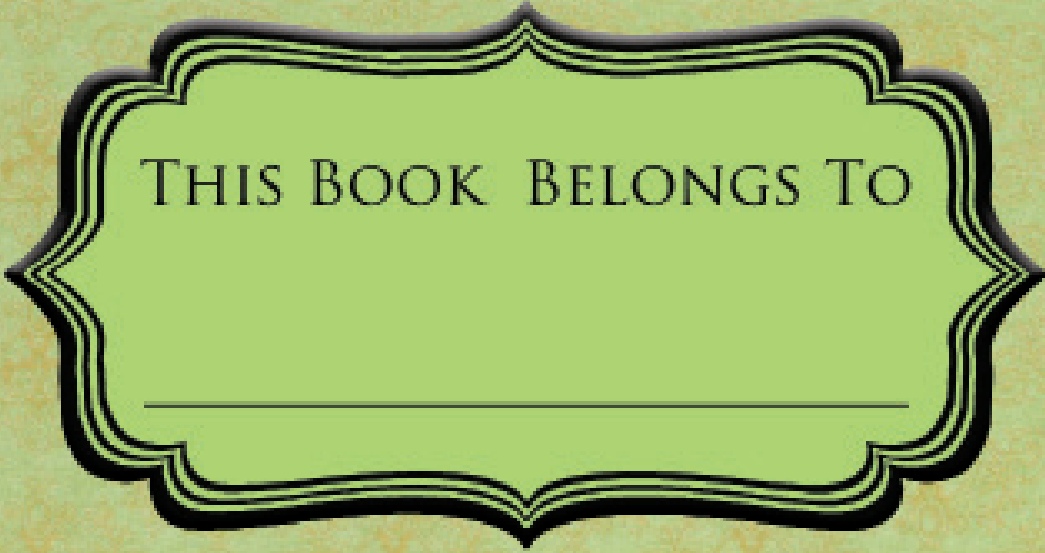


A vibrant, colorful illustration of a jungle scene. In the foreground, a large brown crocodile with dark stripes lies on a sandy bank near a small pond. To its left, a tiger is perched on a tree branch, and a monkey is hanging from a lower branch. In the background, an elephant and a rhinoceros are visible. The scene is filled with lush green foliage, a winding river, and various other animals like a scorpion, a butterfly, and a frog. The title "A Crocodile Named Tom" is written in a large, black, serif font across the upper middle of the image.

A Crocodile Named Tom

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Illustrated By Ally Shaw



THIS BOOK BELONGS TO

*For my family who has yet to stop
believing in myself and my dreams.
-AP-*



*I would like to thank my family for
their continous support and I would
also like to thank all the people who
work very hard to save our forests
-AS-*

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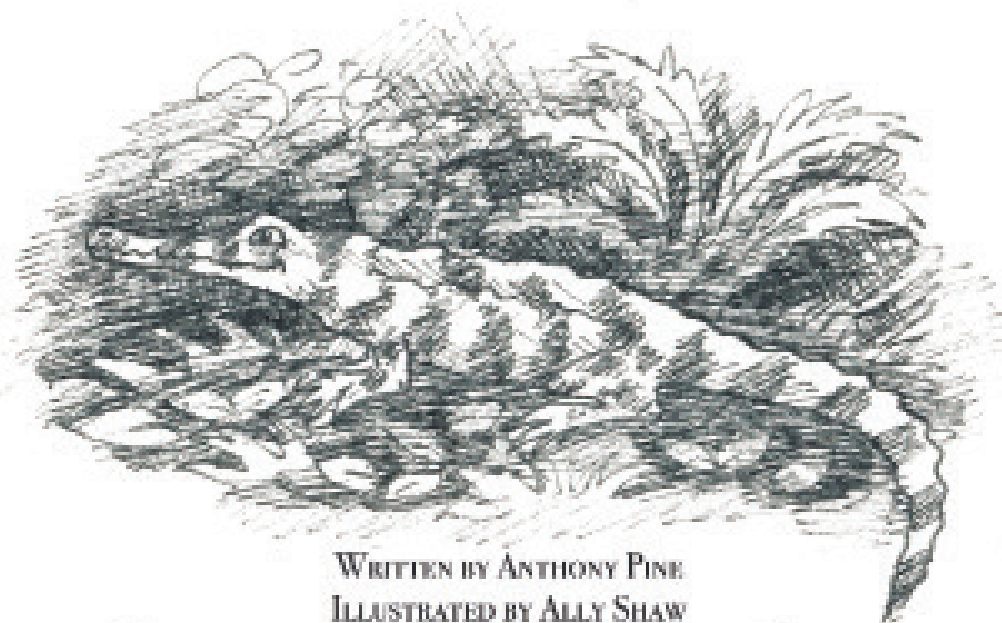
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A CROCODILE NAMED TOM



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Pada suatu ketika dahulu, di sebatang sungai hutan hujan, tinggal seekor Buaya Julong kecil bernama Tom.



In a rainforest river not long ago lived a small crocodile named Tom.

Si Tom ialah seekor buaya yang masih kecil. Baru setahun yang lalu Si Tom menetas bersama-sama lebih 30 ekor adik-beradiknya.



Tom was still a very young crocodile. After all, it was only one year ago since he hatched out of his egg, along with over thirty brothers and sisters.

Si Tom sangat suka berenang dan mahir menggelongsor dengan perutnya di tebing sungai.



Tom loved to swim and he was especially good at sliding down the riverbanks on his belly.

MEET A REAL TOMISTOMA!

The Tomistoma is a large species of crocodile found in parts of Malaysia and Indonesia. Tomistoma are believed to be vulnerable, which means they are at serious risk of extinction, with estimates predicting around 3,000 individuals left in the wild. Unfortunately, scientists are still not very sure how many Tomistoma are actually left in the wild and more research is always needed to make more accurate predictions. Tomistoma live in freshwater lakes, rivers, estuaries, and peat marsh forests and can be very secretive and hard to find. The species can reach huge lengths in excess of 5 metres or 16 ½ feet for adult males and around 3.5 metres or 11 ½ feet for adult females. Tomistoma are a very unique species of crocodile with a unique brown coloration that stays with them even as adults. Tomistoma are mainly at risk of extinction due to habitat loss and sometimes accidentally being caught in fishing nets.



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An Adult Tomistoma Crocodile
(*Tomistoma schlegelii*)

INTERESTING FACTS!

- The Tomistoma is also known as the False Gharial.
- Tomistoma eat a wide range of things including crustaceans, insects, fish, birds, mammals, and even other reptiles.
- The species used to be found in Thailand, where it now is believed to have gone extinct.
- Tomistoma lay the largest egg of any living crocodile (up to 10 cm or 4 inches long), with nest mounds reported to have as many as 80 eggs from the same batch!
- The largest skull of any extant crocodile ever found was from a Tomistoma. The skull was over 81.5 cm or 32 inches long!
- Tomistoma literally means “sharp mouth” in Greek - *tomos* (sharp) + *stoma* (mouth).
- Tomistoma have between 76 and 84 teeth.

To find out more about Tomistoma conservation and ways that you can show your support, please visit www.tomistomafund.org or www.facebook.com/tomistomafund

Meet Tom - An Endangered Tomistoma Crocodile!

One day Tom decides to go for a swim to one of his favourite places in the rainforest river where he lives. Unfortunately, what he encounters sends him on a journey to find his way back home, where he has to overcome many tough challenges, meet new friends, and learn some very important life lessons.

This stunningly illustrated storybook depicts some of the many beautifully unique animals, plants, and communities found throughout Malaysia. This story is written for real conservation efforts, with aims of helping readers relate to current conservation concerns for the species and the importance of conservation in our world. This story was written by a biologist with a unique perspective on conservation, one that is balanced between humans and our environment.

May this book lead to a better world.

